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Antiquities to meet Aug. 14
Carroll Society for the Preservation of the Antiquities will meet Monday, Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Carrollton.

Be conservative with water usage
Carrollton Mayor Annie Mae Wilson asks for residents' cooperation on the Carrollton Water System, both town and county. Wilson said that until further notice, water should be used for necessary home use only. The Public Service Commission has announced anyone caught using water for other than household purposes will be fined.

Qualifying date is September 8
Anyone who plans to seek office for either Carroll County School Board or Election Commissioner will need to file a petition with 50 names. These names must be certified by the circuit clerk's office.

Qualifying dates for school board are August 9-September 8. Candidates must qualify with election commissioners.

Election commissioners may qualify now through September 8. Candidates must qualify through chancery clerk's office.

Petitions are available at the chancery and circuit clerk's offices.

CCDA seeking new members
Carroll County Development Association is looking for members who want to work for Carroll County.

Anyone interested in promoting the civic, economic and social welfare of the people of Carroll County through the areas of agriculture, education, government, industry, commerce, recreation and public relations is invited to join.

This non-profit organization will have a nine-person board elected by the members. Membership dues are \$25 per person. Membership forms are available at the courthouses and banks.

Gardening can be fun
Summer is the perfect time to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables. If you don't have a garden of your own, scout out the farmer's market or the produce section of your supermarket.

Why not try a new fruit or veggie each week? How about a mango or kiwi? Or swap your usual carrot sticks for some crunchy jicama.

For more information about gardening, please contact your local county extension service.

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Vaiden Police Chief suspended by board

Charles Jones currently faces three charges including simple assault and trespassing

Following a Vaiden City Board meeting Tuesday night, Mayor Tommy Thornton said the Police Chief Charles Jones has been suspended with pay until a hearing August 10 in Vaiden at 9 a.m.

Three charges have been filed against Jones accusing him of simple assault and trespassing.

Ray Holden, 55, filed a trespassing complaint against Jones last Thursday in Carroll County Justice Court.

Holden says Jones pulled a gun on him at the carport of the Holden house last Tuesday afternoon, July 25, and said, "I'll shoot you if you keep coming."

Jones says he didn't do it.

Two more affidavits were filed in Second District Justice Court Friday. They allege that Jones threatened the lives of his estranged wife, Jo Lancy Jones, and of his former landlord, Holden.

The encounter allegedly occurred at Holden's residence after Holden's estranged wife, Deborah, and several others showed up there and were removing household items when Holden was away from home.

Last year, Jones, who is in the middle of a divorce process himself, rented a room in the Holden's residence. About a month ago, Jones said, he moved elsewhere in the town of Vaiden, into a trailer he rents from relatives of Deborah Holden.

Mrs. Holden, who has filed for divorce, now resides next door with those relatives.

According to justice court officials at Vaiden, Mrs. Jones swore she saw Jones passing each other in the street when he "threatened her life."

Jones, 58, moved from the Holden household amid allegations by Mr. Holden that he and Deborah Holden were personally involved. She filed for divorce.

Jones says he and Mrs. Holden aren't involved, but she asked him to come along July 25 when she wanted to get items from the house.

Sheriff's officers responded to a disturbance call from Mrs. Jones last Tuesday at 6:29 p.m. at the Holden residence. Gray sent two deputies, but eventually he also arrived, along with another deputy.

"Mrs. Holden and several other people were there with trucks and utility trailers and were in the process of removing furniture," Gray said.

Jones was among those individuals accompanying Mrs. Holden.

The glass had been broken from the carport door, Gray said, to allow Mrs. Holden entry to the locked residence.

"They had a good bit loaded up," Gray said. "As far as any charges filed."

Gray said he allowed Mrs. Holden, a beautician, to remove items associated with her profession as well as certain personal items.

The sheriff made the group replace the furniture.

Gray said neither he nor any of his deputies witnessed the alleged confrontation between Jones and Holden. It is up to Holden to sign an affidavit if he so chooses.

Jones said Holden "came in a-raising Cain," but the police chief said he did not pull his handgun on his former landlord.

"There are 8-10 witnesses who'll swear I didn't do nothing," Jones said. "I raised my hand to block him, because he slapped at me, that's all."

Second District Judge Mary Alma Bingham said Monday morning that she has recessed herself from the Jones-Holden case, and First District Judge Jimmie Avant will hear the case, which encompasses all three affidavits.

Supervisors accept road and bridge bids

By TIM JAMES
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\$25,920.20. The State Aid estimate was \$25,070.00.

Members of the Rebel Little League were present in support of a recreational facility being built in Carroll County. Members present included Gran Gammill, Debbie Mims, Bonnie Wiggins and Dewayne Wiggins.

At the supervisors' June meeting league members told the board of supervisors that currently Carroll County ball players pay approximately \$75 each per season to play on fields in Winona, Eupora, Greenwood, Kilmichael and Mazon. Residents of those cities pay about \$40 per child.

Debbie Mims, president of the Rebel Little League, said 150 children and coaches are playing ball this summer. "We've got 10 teams now, and we're growing every year."

In other business the board discussed life and cancer insurance quotes with George Garner and Jerry Denley of Grenada. The county's health insurance renews in December.

Travel expenses were approved for county employees.

All supervisors were present and Chancery Clerk Stanley "Sugar" Melius. The board recessed until Monday, Aug. 7 at 9 a.m. at the courthouse in Vaiden.

Two bids were received for B-R-N BIX (508) B-B-R-NBIX (608)B. This project is for bridge signing countywide, displaying weight limits. Germany recommended that the board accept Riverside Traffic's bid of \$22,846.40. James Cobbins made the motion to accept the bid, seconded by Oliver, with all in favor. Road-Pro Safety submitted an unsuccessful bid of

Man killed when hit by truck

The 18-wheeler that hit and killed Raymond Young sat idly in the Hwy. 82 median Friday after the accident as investigators managed the scene.
(Ken Strachan)

Raymond Young, 40, was killed Friday, July 28 when he was hit by an 18-wheel truck.

Young was struck from the rear while riding his bicycle just west of the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 82 and Mississippi 17 around 3 p.m.

Young was leaving the Cligo service station on the south side of U.S. Hwy. 82 and attempting to cross the four-lane highway entering Carrollton when he was hit by the truck in the east-bound lane.

Young, a native of Winona, was pronounced dead on the scene.

The truck, owned by Runners Delivery Service Inc. was being driven by Leslie Poyndexter.

Mississippi Highway Patrol officials said the accident remains under investigation.

One arrested in drug bust

By SUSIE JAMES
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Carroll County deputies aimed to catch an alleged drug dealer in action at the Chateau Lounge, but they had to settle for a winning tackle instead.

Deputy Brad Carver made the tackle after Odell "Cookie" Hallmon Jr. broke and ran after being confronted by officers at a gas-line station off Mississippi 15 on Vaiden's strip Friday afternoon, said Sheriff Don Gray.

Hallmon, 25, of Rt. 1, Box 575, McCarty, is jailed at the Carroll-Montgomery Regional Correctional Facility on charges of possession of narcotics with intent to sell.

Officers seized Hallmon's car, about \$140 and two containers of crack cocaine estimated by an agent with the narcotics task force as having a street value of \$800. A female companion Gray declined to name was detained for questioning.

Hallmon was recently released from the Mississippi Department of Corrections, where he served a term for aggravated assault, Gray said. Bond has been set at \$75,000 and Hallmon will have a preliminary hearing August 10.

Sheriff's officers got two tips Friday about Hallmon's alleged illegal drug activities. The latter came from an informant saying Hallmon was at the Chateau Lounge selling drugs.

A narcotics agent and deputies proceeding down Mississippi 35 met Hallmon, whose vehicle was northbound, and noted he pulled into a Shell station. Following him there, some officers entered the station to talk with the suspect.

"He got sort of belligerent," Gray said, "and went outside, saw the other officers and broke and ran toward the highway. All gave chase, and Deputy Carver tackled him. Odell is a pretty good-sized fella."